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Applicant:

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Title:

CONTAINER SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This communication is a preliminary amendment submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 and concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows (marked up versions of the claims amended below have been included in Appendix A of this Reply in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121).

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims 37 and 39 as follows:

37. (Once Amended) A container for holding cosmetics and having a first platform and a second platform, the container comprising:

hinge means for coupling the first platform and a second platform and for automatically pivoting the first platform from a storage position to a use position relative to the second platform;

damper means for limiting pivoting of the first platform at rate of about

7 60 to 120 degrees p r second;

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- Small Entity statement is enclosed. []

Enclosed are:

- Request To Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii) [X] (1 page).
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (1 page). [X]
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of 2 listed reference(s) (1 page). [X]
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	74	-	41	_	33	×	\$18.00	=	\$594.00
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[]	Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a
	for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month: \$110.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month: \$400.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month: \$920.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,440.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:	\$846.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):	\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE: See See See	\$846.00

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1447 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$846.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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